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Silas Berwick looked up as Bax-

"Maybe they're known on the ordinary routes and were afraid of leaving a trail. Again, there is another reason-that is, their luggage. No doubt Dartin knows a way through where searching is not so strict as the way we came; those bags were very heavy."

"But there are customs every where, surely?"

"Of course there are; but suppose one crosses to, say, Ghent or Terneuzen, it seems to me that one who knows the ropes could sneak into Paris-you'll remember that Brieux's man said they arrived without luggage at the station, and our friendly madame says it arrived after they did. You may be sure those bags passed no cus-

The speaker broke off suddenly and gripped Robert's arm. "Isn't that one of them-look,

getting out of the flacre?" Robert gave one glance in the direction pointed out, and seized a file of Le Matin and held it up before his face while he spoke to Berwick. It was only a few words: "Haverton, by all that's holy!"

The man had taken off his moustache and discarded the monocle which had seemed to be such an inseparable part of his personality. To Robert, who had known the suave manner of the man, his present unrest was all too apparent. His dusty attire, too, and his solled linen, were as foreign to him as his manner.

Round the corner of the paper, held shieldwise before his face, Baxenter watched his prey.

They expected every minute, at first, to see Dartin join the man under their observation, but Haverton did not seem to give one the impression that he expected anyone, but rather that he wished to take his refreshment unobserved. He had paid the cabman, and, after one glance at the crowds outside the cafe, had chosen one of the tables up the Place de la Sorbonne.

It was a position removed from observation and the lights, and had been evidently chosen for that reason. Eddie ordered a tall glass of beer, and, after drinking half of it at a draught, he now sat twirling the glass by its stem round and round in its little white saucer.

It was already late when Haverton arrived, and the crowds that had come down from the Bulier were thinning. The boulevards were becoming less crowded and the tired waiters were yawning sleepily behind the great plate glass windows

Still the figure at the far table showed no signs of leaving. Still he sat there twirling the glass, his eyes fixed moodily before him. A waiter who had been hovering near approached him, estentatiously pol-ishing the marble top of the table next to him and tipping up the vacant chairs. A shadow fell across the table as part of the lights within the cafe were switched off.

It seemed to the watching men as though Haverton had been asleep. He started up and stared dazedly at the waiter, then stood up with a slight shiver. He took a coin from his waistcoast pocket and passed it to the man; then, not

waiting for any change, he but- rived and has gone to bed. Only one, glance at the few stragglers still at the tables, turned toward the

A woman standing at the little passage between the chairs put out a hand as he passed, but he shook ther off with an oath and hurried across the foad. The men watched him as the narrow street which held the Hotel d'Eclair swallowed

A moment later they were following him. Once over the road, they kept well in the shadow of the houses; but their caution was unnecessary, the man before them looking neither to right or left, but making straight for the Hotel d'Eclair, which was almost in darkness. After a little delay the door was opened and he entered.

At the same moment a man emerged from the shadow of a doorway opposite and hurried to the corner. Here he spoke a word to another man, who went off toward the Seine at a run. The first man, whom Robert recognized as the assistant M. Brieux had put on watch, walked slowly back, and, tapping at the door of the hotel, was in his turn admitted.

Berwick paused and drew Baxenter, who showed a disposition to enter also, into the dark doorway which the watcher had vacated. From its depth they watched the windows of the room they had visited that morning. They saw the glass doors pulled open, and the figure of Eddie Haverton as he leant over the little balcony, then a light appeared, and the red curtains were half drawn.

On the ceiling they could see the gigantic shadow as the occupant of the room moved about, and noticed that it was thrown by a light that was at some low level—from a candle placed on the floor, perhaps, or a chair seat.

In about a quarter of an hour the light was extinguished, and Robert and his companion crossed the street and tapped softly on the door of the Hotel d'Eclair.

#### CHAPTER XXI

Haverton at Bay.

T their knock a voice on the other side of the door suddenly ceased, then was resumed in an excited whisper. There was a delay of a few minutes, and the door was cautiously unlatched and Brieux's man looked out.

At sight of Robert and Berwick he drew the door wide open, and they stepped into the dimly lighter. cafe. Madame Renier, the picture of anticipation, nodding brightly as the police officer shut the door. "Ah, messieurs, you have come at

the good hour-he is but newly ar-

and madame made an expressive "We know, madame, we have watched for his light to go out. We may go up?" queried Robert.

"But certainly, messieurs; M. Edouard and I will accompany

Berwick thought for a moment, and said a few words to Robert in English. Then he turned to the

"If you will permit us, we would prefer to go alone. It is not a case of an arrest, and," looking toward M. Edouard, "It is not an official

They received the pass-key from Madame Renier, and softly ascended the stairs. On the second-floor landing they stopped and listened at Haverton's door. From behind it came the unmistakable sounds of a sleeper. Either Mr. Eddie Haverton was remarkably conscience free or remarkably tired.

Berwick turned the key softly in the lock, and the men entered without disturbing the alumbers of the man on the bed, and it was not until a match was struck and the candle spluttered into light that he started up to find the steady hand of the man he had left in the cellars at Adderbury Towers holding a revolver a few inches from his

"Good evening, Mr. Haverton. Less than a week since we parted heavens! it seems a year-keep those hands away from your pillow there on the coverlet where I can see them so!" Then, as Robert drew a Derringer from beneath the pillow: "I don't think you would do much with this—you haven't the pluck; but it might go off-they do sometimes."

The man on the bed made no answer, but watched with sullen eyes while Berwick cut the cord from the window-blind and tied the hands on the coverlet deftly

This done, Robert put up his revolver, and together the two men began to examine the luggage. Their request for the keys raised no fight in Haverton; he nodded in the direction of his trousers, and in the pockets they found them. At first sight the bags contained

nothing but wearing apparel, but beneath this the searchers un-earthed a quantity of jewelry and a considerable amount of gold coin. Between the garments, too, reposed small fortune in notes. It was hardly to be wondered at that they wished to avoid the inquisitiveness of the Customs officers as much as possible. Robert noticed that the majority of the jewelry was en-graved with the arms of the De Dartigny family.

"And what are you going to do with me?"

tremulous, and it seemed as if Haverton's lips had formed a question the answer to which he dreaded to hear.

Robert turned from his examination of the treasure and seated himself on the edge of the bed. "That, my dear Haverton, depends

a great deal on the attitude you take up-what you tell us." "As to that, Mr. Baxenter, I'll tell

you what you like. Can't you see "Well-where's the other one?"

"The other one?" "Yes - Vivian - Baptiste, whichever you like to call him."

For a moment a look of terror passed over Eddie's face and the bound hands trembled on the cov-

"I believe he's dead—he must be dead-I waited-before God! I waited-it was terrible listening there—oh! he's dead all right—I—" Baxenter turned on him sharply. "Don't drivel like that, man.

have you been the last two days?" "Chauville-he made me go-he said I could help him-I did waitswear I waited"-Berwick seized a bottle containing brandy that stood on the crazy

What is it that's happened? Where

little table, and, pouring some into a glass, held it to the lips of the man on the bed. Its effect was immediate, and slowly they extracted the story from him. He had been hurried off the

morning before to Blois, and from there had walked out to an inu called the "Three Lilies"-Haverton remembered the name of the inn, although they had not stopped there. They had passed it and entered an avenue of trees at the end of which, and across a moat, stood a chateau. Dartin had sworn when he saw that the windows were lit up, and had cursed his luck. Eventually they had left the ave nue, and skirting the most, had reached a little wood of pines, in which stood a chapel which they had entered through a window.

The listeners attended breathlessly to the tale of how Renton had removed the slab from a tomb in the chapel floor and descended by means of a rope they had brought with them. He had instructed Haverton to replace the slab and wait patiently in the shadow of the pews for two hours, or until hesheard a tapping, when he was to reopen the tomb and let Vivian out.

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Haverton told them how he had waited until the dawn had entered the church before he heard a faint tapping, but he had been unable to work the mechanics that moved the great stone. Then he had heard the sound of a fall, and there had been no more tapping after that, and at last Haverton had left his companion to his fate, and had slunk back to Paris.

lying? If, as he said, he h

and not to him. The solicitor spoke. "Mr. Haverton," he said quietly,

To Be Continued Next Sunday.

To Robert and Berwick the story

would have sounded like a fairy tale, but for the fact that the narrator's voice carried with it an unmistakable conviction. After all, what had Haverton to gain by waited until all hope of releasing Renton was past, they could hardly blame him for saving his own skin. The man seemed indeed to welcome the telling of the tale-perhaps there was yet a way to save the man below the floor of the chapel. Then the crime of Hubert's death would be brought home to Dartin,

"listen carefully to what I say It's in your power to right a wrong -not your wrong. I have no particular quarrel with you. I have Renton's own word for it that he alone killed my cousin"—the face of Haverton cleared at this-"I want you to take us, as soon as we can get a train, to this chateau you speak of. Renton mustn't die like a rat in a trap, even if we save him for another kind of end. Good night, Mr. Haverton; we will call for you in time for the first train for Blois. And, by the way, there is a gentleman downstairs who will spend the rest of the night with you. It'll keep you from feeling lonely, after your vigil in the chapel. Besides, it's safer."

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